

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) ~~An apparatus~~ A digital attendant useful in association with at least one netphone, a voicemail device and a local area network, ~~at least one computer, the apparatus~~ the digital attendant comprising:

a local area network interface configured to be coupled, via the local area network, to the at least one netphone and the voicemail device;

a telephony interface for coupling the at least one netphone to an external telephone system, and wherein the at least one netphone includes a netphone directory configured to store and to update network addresses for the digital attendant and the voicemail device, and wherein the voicemail device includes a voicemail directory configured to store and to update network addresses for the digital attendant and the at least one netphone; and

an attendant directory configured to store and to update network addresses for the netphone and the voicemail device.

~~a network interface for coupling the at least one computer to an external computer network; and~~

~~a local area network for interconnecting the at least one netphone, the at least one computer, the telephony interface and the network interface.~~

2. (Currently Amended) The digital attendant ~~apparatus~~ of claim 1 wherein the telephony network interface is wireless.

3. (Currently Amended) The digital attendant ~~apparatus~~ of claim 1 wherein the telephony network interface is based on a dial-up modem protocol.

4. (Currently Amended) The digital attendant apparatus of claim 1 wherein the telephony network interface is based on a cable modem protocol.
5. (Currently Amended) The digital attendant apparatus of claim 1 wherein the telephony network interface is based on an ISDN protocol.
6. (Currently Amended) The digital attendant apparatus of claim 1 wherein the telephony network interface is based on an xDSL protocol.
7. (Currently Amended) The digital attendant apparatus of claim 1 wherein the telephony network interface is based on a VPN ~~an Ethernet~~ protocol.
8. (Currently Amended) The digital attendant apparatus of claim 1 wherein the ~~external computer network is an Internet.~~ telephony interface is based on TCP/IP protocol.
9. (Currently Amended) The digital attendant apparatus of claim 1 wherein the external telephone system is a PSTN telephone system.
10. (Currently Amended) The digital attendant apparatus of claim 1 wherein the external telephone system is a PBX telephone system.
11. (Currently Amended) The digital attendant apparatus of claim 1 wherein the local area network is based on an Ethernet protocol.
12. (Currently Amended) The digital attendant apparatus of claim 1 where the local area network is wireless.
13. (New) The digital attendant of claim 1 where the netphone is coupled to an external device.

14. (New) The digital attendant of claim 13 where the external device is a USB device.
15. (New) The digital attendant of claim 13 where the external device is a facsimile device.
16. (New) The digital attendant of claim 13 where the external device is a video input device.
17. (New) The digital attendant of claim 13 where the external device is a video output device.